



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**AmeriCorps Week**

**WHEREAS**, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting a wide range of community needs and promote the ethic of service and volunteering since its creation in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, each year AmeriCorps, including AmeriCorps VISTA and AmeriCorps NCCC, provides opportunities for more than 550 Rhode Islanders and more than 75,000 citizens across the nation to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1995, Serve Rhode Island, the state commission for national and community service, has successfully secured and administered \$42 million in AmeriCorps program grants with 4,044 AmeriCorps members contributing 4.7 million hours of service valued at \$80.1 million; and

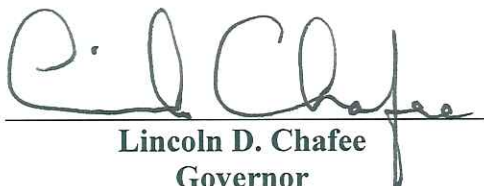
**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high levels; and

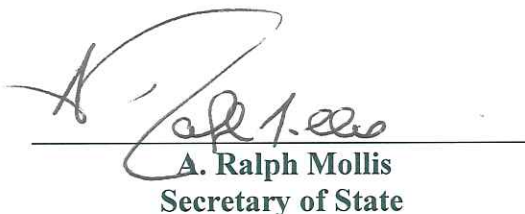
**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps Week (March 10 - 18, 2012) is an opportune time for the people of Rhode Island to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact, thank all of AmeriCorps' community partners in Rhode Island who make the program possible, and bring more Americans into service; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations do hereby proclaim March 10 - 18, 2012, as AmeriCorps Week in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State